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N. Z. NOTES BY CAMPBELL PATERSON

1960 Pictorials: 1d and 3d with Sideways Watermark, Perf. 14½ x 13

These two stamps (C.P. 02b, 05b; S.G. 782a, 785a) were printed exclusively for use in coil form. The coils were not of the "Counter Coil" make-up, with numbered "gutters" between sections, but were unique in N. Z. postal history in that each coil was of one continuous strip, without joins. The stamps were issued only from slot machines.

Considering that they were of unique form and production and had a limited period of use, they have not received the attention they deserve. All slot machine coils issued before these two had been made up of strips, taken from normal sheets and joined to form a longer strip which was then rolled up to form a coil. Very strangely, for the saving in labour must have been considerable, the use of "endless" strips (shown in 02b and 05b) was abandoned after being in use at most for two years. Later slot machine coils have been of the old type, made up of joined strips - an apparently retrograde step that has not (as far as I know) ever been explained.

I was fortunate in that on a memorable occasion, when I had the privilege of being shown over the Harrison printing works at High Wycombe, I was shown the machine that produced the "endless" strips. The principle involved was obvious enough. Where the usual photogravure printing cylinder carries a "block" of impressions that does not quite cover the whole cylinder - leaving a gap between the top and bottom of the "block", this producing the upper and lower selvages of the normal printed sheet - the cylinder producing the "endless" rolls had no such gap. In fact, it "just kept rolling along" as the paper passed (in reel form) under it.

This Bulletin is really not suitable for a proper description of technical details, but in this case I can refer readers to an authority. In the September 13th 1968 edition of THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE there is an excellent article by E. C. Ehrmann, A.I.J.P. entitled, "Puzzling Aspects of G.B. Stamp Printing." This is the sixth of a series by this very lucid writer and the subject matter is, "Unusual Cylinders for Coils and Booklets."

Although Mr. Ehrmann deals specifically with G.B. issues, the fact remains that what he says under the subheading, "The horizontal continuous coils (25-row cylinders)" appears to be entirely applicable to the two N. Z. stamps 02b and 05b. I strongly recommend readers to obtain a copy of THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE for September 13th - if necessary from the publishers, Harrison Publications Ltd., Durham House, 16 John Adam Street, London, W.C.2. Incidentally, they should also obtain copies of 02b and 05b if they do not have them. We can supply the two, mint, at the special price of 7/6 the pair. They are good buying.

CHALONS

Representative sets from a comprehensive collection. Others, including not-so-fine, are available. Interested collectors are invited to request approvals.

- 610 Richardson White Paper (S. G. 8 to 17 group) 1d, 2d blue, 2d pale blue, 6d brown, 6d pale brown and 1/- blue green. Attractive and collectable. Set of six.... £20
- 611 White Paper 6d Chestnut (S. G. 15) A stamp that really glows. Striking appearance but with faults. Three good margins cut into at the left. Neat postmark. (Cat. £60) £12
- 612 Davies Large Star Wmk. Imperf. (S. G. 33 to 46 group) 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d black-brown, 6d red-brown, 1/- green. Six good used. A fine representative set of the imperfs. The 1d and 3d are scarce £50
- 613 S. G. 33 - 35 The three listed shades orange-vermilion, vermilion, carmine-vermilion. Fine used copies with good margins..... £20
- 614 Wmk. Large Star. P13 (S. G. 68 to 80 group) 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-. Unusually well centred for this issue. All good used. The 1/- has a small closed tear at the right which is in fact quite invisible. The set of five, scarce £34
- 615 Wmk. N. Z. Imperf. (S. G. 97 to 100 group) 1d, 2d, 6d, 1/-. Set of four used. The 1d rather heavily postmarked, the others of good appearance but 6d and 1/- close or touched. Scarce stamps £27/10/-
- 616 Wmk. Large Star. P12½ (S. G. 110 to 125 group) 1d vermilion, 1d brown, 2d pale blue (Plate I), 2d blue (Plate II), 2d orange, 3d, 4d rose, 4d yellow, 6d brown, 6d blue, 1/- (The 4d rose not perfect but of very fine appearance). Set of ten. Good used £20
- 617 (a) Pelure Paper 2d (S. G. 82) A good used copy of fine strong colour ... £12/10/-
(b) Another copy cut into at the right, tied to small piece..... £5
- 618 Pelure Paper 6d (S. G. 85) Several attractive copies available at £7/10/-
- 619 Star Wmk. P10 x 12½ (S. G. 127/128) 1d brown, 2d orange. The two fine used.. 45/-
- 620 (a) No Wmk. P12½ (S. G. 137) 1d brown. A good used copy of this scarce stamp 50/-
(b) As above (S. G. 138) 2d orange Nicely used 25/-

IMPRINT/PLATE BLOCKS

- 621 1935 Silver Jubilee $\frac{1}{2}$ d plates 1 & 2, 1d plates 3, 4, 6 & 7 and
6d plate 5. The complete set in mint blocks of four 82/6
- 622 1936 Commerce Each plate comes in four positions, top left, top right,
bottom left, and bottom right. Each plate block from each position
contains four stamps.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d plate 1, 1d plates 1 & 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d plate 1, 4d plate 1, 6d plate 1.
A total of 24 mint blocks..... 210/-

AIR MAIL

<u>1931 Lake Scene</u>				<u>Trans-Tasman</u>			
S. G.		Mint	Used	S. G.		Mint	Used
548	3d chocolate	22/6	15/-	554	7d blue	17/6.	35/-
548a	3d the scarce perf 14 x 15	85/-	—	<u>1935 Bell Block</u>			
549	4d black-purple	22/6	15/-	570	1d carmine	1/-	6d
550	7d brown-orange	25/6	15/-	571	3d violet	7/6	6/-
551	5d surcharge 5d	12/-	7/6	572	6d blue	7/6	6/-

EXPRESS DELIVERY

S. G. E6. Motor 6d Motor Car. Violet. Mint or used 1/6

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DECIMAL OVERPRINTS

Several of the values have now appeared in all three of the recorded papers and we offer (all mint):

- (a) coarse paper (from the previous issue)
- (b) cream toned esparto paper with vertical mesh
- (c) fine white esparto paper with vertical mesh

1c	coarse (wmk. sideways)....2d	cream (wmk. upright) ... 4d	white (wmk. upright)4/-
2c		cream (wmk. sideways).. 4d	
2½c	coarse (wmk. upright)5d	cream (wmk. sideways).. 5d	
3c		cream (wmk. sideways).. 6d	
5c	coarse (wmk. upright).....2/6	cream (wmk. upright) ..10d	white (wmk. upright) ... -
10c	coarse (wmk. upright).....5/-	cream (wmk. sideways).1/4	white (wmk. sideways).. 2/6

TWO TIER POSTAGE

We have already heard a number of complaints about the "second class service" which the Post Office is providing. Some customers may feel that we should find the extra additional penny to ensure the prompt distribution of our lists and delivery of customers' orders. When the current Bulletin subscription was fixed, account had been made for the increase in costs of postage, and we decided that 1d could be absorbed without increasing our charge.

As a matter of principle we do not feel the justification for further increasing our postal charges, and although one more penny may seem too trivial to quibble over, it would in fact amount to a very substantial sum to cover our total Bulletin distribution. Of course, anyone who wants their mail by fast rate may send us the additional postage, and we will be happy to oblige.

4d CHALKY

We have again succeeded in obtaining a limited number of this rarity (C. P. 06b, S. G. 786a) mint. Customers who bought from our original small stock have cause to congratulate themselves - we have recently bought at a higher price than they paid.

We believe we are still the only dealers in the world able to supply this stamp mint, and enquiries are invited from serious collectors.

The B. P. E.

We shall again be attending the British Philatelic Exhibition 16th - 17th October at Seymour Hall, when we look forward to meeting friends and showing some of the items from our extensive N. Z. stock. This annual occasion gives us the opportunity to learn more about your interests and you the opportunity to see the range of the material we can produce to extend your collection.